ST. LOUIS, MO., THURSDAY, DECEMBER 18, 1902.

MORE "HOUSEHOLD GOODS WANT-ED" ads were printed in The Republic last month than in any other St. Louis newspaper. A total of 403 advertise-

PRICE

In St. Louis, One Cent. On Trains, Three Cents. Outside St. Louis, Two Cents.

# **AMERICAN MINISTER ASKS** KOREA TO PAY \$1,500,000.

MAY END TO-DAY.

the Wisdom of His Former

Ruling.

fective and Renews Motion to

Sustain the Demurrer in

a Different Form.

Judge Ryan's ruling on an objection en-

tered by counsel for defense to the admis-

day will determine whether the trial of

Sheridan, Denny, Albright, Gutke and

When it was again introduced yesterday

in another form, Judge Ryan announced

priety of his ruling on Tuesday and would

listen to arguments by counsel on the mat-

ter. The arguments occupied the entire

afternoon session, and Judge Ryan an-

the testimony of W. H. Judy, former Clerk

organization in 1899-1900 and the introduc-

the auditors craned forward, expecting as

and address, the witness said he was a

member of the House in the session of 1899-

"Was there what is known as a combine

Refore the witness could answer Judge

petent, on the ground that the witness was

under indictment for the same offense the

defendants were on trial for. The indict-

ment against Murrell was offered in evi-

is based on grounds which bring us back

to the proposition set forth in our demurrer

to the indictment filed Monday. The infor-

mation against the defendants is multi-

Albright whether it applies to him alone or

to the others jointly and whether the evi-

dence will visit on him the consequences

of the acts of others to which he could

vote in any particular manner on any meas-

Circuit Attorney Folk held that as the cor-

lump sum for the combination, the crime

was a loint one and the participants should

jointly, and the defendants can obtain a

severance if they desire. The same evidence

must be used against them if tried separate-

Judge Ryan announced that since the

proposition had been first presented to him

Monday, and he had had more time to fa-

miliarize himself with it, he entertained

grave doubts as to the wisdom of his ad-

of the phases of the subject. He made a

note of the authorities quoted and said he

If Judge Ryan sustains the objection of

the defense, it will result in his ordering the

bench or by ordering the jury to acquit.

discharge of the defendants, either from the

If this is done, an interesting question

arises as to the status of the five defend-

ants. Their counsel argue that, having once

been put in jeopardy, they cannot be in-

dicted again for the same offense. The Cir-

cuit Attorney's office, it is said, unauthori-

tatively, holds a different view. Mr. Folk

would not discuss this feature, saying it

would be improper to anticipate Judge Ry-

"We are not borrowing any trouble," he

sald, smilingly. "Sufficient unto the day is

If Judge Ryan orders the defendants dis-

charged, it is likely that the cases of their

will be nolle prosequied and later indicted

In his arguments yesterday Judge Krum

quoted liberally and frequently from the Su-preme Court opinion in the Meysenburg case, which, he said, contained many situ-

ations analogous to the cases at bar.

would look them up during the evening.

DEFENDANTS' FATE RESTS

ON COURT'S RULING.

an's ruling.

the evil thereof."

nit agreement was made between Stock

dence. The objection was overruled.

Krum arose and observed:

not have been a party.

be jointly indicted.

ly as when tried jointly.

of the members of the House at that time?"

Krum objected to the testimony as incom-

1900.

final conclusion.

St. Petershurg, Dec. 17-It is announced from Scoul, Korea, that the United States Wint ter has demanded the payment of \$1,500,000 due to the builders of the electric rall-

a recent agreement between Great Britain and Japan, these two Powers have screed to guarantee the independence of Korea, as a means of protecting their own interests in the Far East against Russian aggression.

This alliance, however, in no way protects Korea or any of its municipalities against creditors who insist on receiving the money due them.

# CLEAGE, UNDER FIRE. TRIAL OF BRIBERY CASE IS STILL CONFIDENT.

Warehouse Commissioners Decide Judge Ryan Entertains Doubt of That Corn in Elevators Is Up to Contract Grade.

### CHICAGO OPERATOR SUSPENDS. OTHER CASES ARE INVOLVED.

Local Speculator Says He Has No | Defense Claims Indictment Is De-Connection With His Brotherin-Law's Embarrassed Company.

Thomas A. Cleage, leader of the December corn deal, was the target for a speculative bembaselment in yester-lay's market. | sion of John K. Murrell's testimony yester-All of the forces which have been arrayed against him since he went forth ringle handed to do buttle in the pit were concentrated. After the skirmish he was Bersch will come to a sudden termination still smiling, though not altogether un- to-day or will be allowed to proceed to its

Chicago took a hand in the conflict early | The point involved in the objection raised in the day. On the showing of receipts is a vital one, which was originally adamounting to more than 400,000 bushels in vanced in the demutrer to the indictment that market the elevators and many of the | filed Monday, and which at that time was longs freely unloaded in the first hour.

Though there was a brenk of 3 cents a bushel in the December option there, the decline in St. Louis was only 15 cents. Selling was brick for a while, the bearish that he had grave doubts as to the prosentiment being augmented by generally favorable weather throughout the belt.

While Cleage was at no time active in the market, he made occasional purchases on Shortly before noon the members of the mounced that he would deliver his decision

Missouri Board of Raffroad and Warehouse | to-day. Commissioners visited the local exchange. The morning session was occupied with A rumor that the finding of the Board as vorable to Cleage became current. This of the House of Delegates, and Joseph N. caused sufficient buying interest to Judge, present Clerk, Their testimony was strengthen prices and the close was only of a routine and documentary nature, dealhe below that of the previous day, as ing with the personnel of the House, its against a less of 75c in Chicago.

Cleage's contention was that the corn tion of the Suburban bill, held in elevators for delivery to him was not up to contract grade. Though the JOHN K. MURRELL Board has not made its official report Chief | TAKES THE STAND. Inspector Gooding said yesterday afternoon | When court convened after the noon rethat the corn had been inspected and had cess the State called John K. Murrell, and been found to be fit for delivery on Decem In reference to the prospective report Mr. | interesting recital. After stating his name

Cleage said. "I will stand pat. I will necept all of the grain delivered to me if it is up to grade and I will protect my trades. My position

is as strong now as it has ever been." Private wire advices after the market closed said that the firm of W. W. Mc-Cleary & Co., members of the Chicago Board of Trade, had suspended. Those who knew that W. W. McCleary was a brotherin-law of Thomas A. Cleage and that i Cleage had been trading through McCleary. regarded this announcement as significent.

Mr. Cleage said: "I placed some of my trades through my brother-in-law's firm. I also traded through fifty-two other Chicago brokers. The McCleary suspension does not affect me in the least. I had no interest in the concern. All of my trades with it have been transferred to other commission houses in Chicago, I understand that the firm was unable to secure margins for trades made through it by New York traders. My margins were all up and mation against the defendants is multimy trades are in the same condition as farious, and it cannot be determined by if the firm had continued in business."

### Bankers at Fredericktown. REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Fredericktown, Mo., Dec. II.—Group No. 12 of the Missouri Bankers' Association held their semiannual meeting in this city and were entertained by the local hankers. Several interesting papers were read at the evening session, after which the association adjourned to meet at Cape Girardeau next April.

## LEADING TOPICS \*\*INIX TO-DAY'S REPUBLIC

GRAIN CLOSED YESTERDAY: ST. LOUIS DEC. WHEAT 70% NOMINAL; MAY WHEAT 75% BID; DEC. CORN 41% ASKED; MAY CORN 89%c. CHICAGO-DEC. WHEAT 74%074%; MAY WHEAT 75%075%c; DEC. CORN 47%c BID; MAY CORN 43%0 ASKED.

WEATHER INDICATIONS. For Missouri, Illinois and Arkansas -Fair Thursday and Friday. For East Texas-Partly cloudy Thurdsay; rain in interior; warmer on coast. Friday, showers.

- 1. Trial of Bribery Case May End To-Day. 3. Butler Takes Hand in Contest Hearing.
- 4. Valuable Stake at Ingleside on Saturday. 5. Hotel With 6,000 Rooms to Be Built at
- Once. 6. Editorial
- Musical Treat at the Odeon. Were Late for Rehearsal.

### 7. The Stage. 8. Bachelors Now Plentiful at Washington

- University. Democratic Politicians Preparing for Thief Plays Insurance Man.
- 9. East Side News.
- Real Estate Transfers 10. Republic "Want" Advertisement.
- Rich Marriage and Death Records New Corporations. 11. Rooms for Rent and Real Estate Ads.
- 12. Summary of St. Louis Markets. Local Grain Market Railies at Close.
- 12. Stock Market Repeats Previous Day's Actions. Local Securities Well Supported
- Corn Pit Center of Excited Liquidation in Chicago.
- 14 Sampson Stave on Directory. Ruling May Aid Democrats. Will Have a Double Wedding

# CASTRO, SEEING THAT FURTHER OPPOSITION IS USELESS, MAY YIELD TO ARBITRATION OF PRESENT DIFFICULTY.

Caracas, Dec. 17, 10:30 P. M.-It has been decided that the Venezuelan difficulty shall be arbitrated and the discussion of terms of settlement is now going on. A member of the ministry said to-night:

"The United States has not prevented the alfies from assailing us, but it has obliged them to accept our terms."

United States Minister Bowen undoubtedly will be one of the arbitrators.

The Government feared that coercive measures would follow the establishment of the blockade.

President Castro, it is reported, recognizes that further conflict with Great Britain and Germany is absolutely useless

United States Minister Bowen will be acceptable to the Caracas Government as an arbitrator.

According to one story, he has already been approached.

Another report says that the Venezuelan Government has not yet given its consent, as it sees great difficulties in the path of realization of the arbitration plan Minister Bowen could not be seen to-night, but the fact seems evident that Venezuela is on the point of yielding.

## : VENEZUELAN DEBT \$49,000,000 AT THE CLOSE OF LAST YEAR.

Following is the statement of Venezuela's debt on December 31, 1901: FOREIGN DEBT. English debt, 3 per cent ... French and Spanish, 3 per cent..... United States, mixed claims..... Italian claims ..... INTERIOR DEBT. Caracas Waterworks, 5 per cent ...... Due Bank of Venezuela ...... 1.762.159

# EARTHQUAKE DESTROYS TOWN OF 30,000 IN CENTRAL ASIA.

The claims of Spain and Belgium will swell the grand total to about \$49,000,000.

Starvation Confronts Survivors of Disaster at Andijan-Shocks Felt in Villages All Around Fated Place-Part of Railroad Ruined.

Government, was totally destroyed by an earthquake to-day The number of fatalities is not yet ascer

tained. The population is threatened with starva-

Shocks were felt in New Marghelan and

Ashkabad, Russian Turkestan, Tuesday, purrounding villages, and a railroad at An-Dec. 16.—The town of Andijan, Ferghana dijan was destroyed for a considerable distance. Food and clothing are being sent to

> Andijan is a town of Russian Central Asia, seventy-three miles from Khokand, It had a population of about 20,000.

# FOUND HER HUSBAND AFTER LONG CHASE.

John Worthington Deserted His Young Wife on Long Island Just Two Weeks Ago.

When the question was repeated, Judge "As attorney for Albright, I object to this testimony, and at the request of the attor-Sage Located by Determined Woman in a Local neys for the other defendants I object to Livery Stable. it in behalf of their clients. Our objection

> Mrs. Hannah Worthington traced her Island, N. Y., to a rooming-house in the heart of the business section of St. Louis. overtook him by complete surprise, and by extraordinary diplomacy made him beg her forgiveness and provide a new home for

"There can be no such thing under the statute as the joint commission of bribery by a sumber of officials. The information Just two weeks had elapsed since John violates the bill of rights, and does not ad-Worthington, a coachman who bears the vise defendant what he is to meet, and the distinction of having driven for Mr. and evidence does not tend to prove what the Mrs. Russel Sage, had disappeared from his statute requires, a separate and individual Long Island cettage without leaving behind agreement to vote in some particular manthe elightest clew as to his possible destinaner. One officer cannot agree that his brother officers, although joined with them, will

His wife, to whom he had been married one year, had made every effort to locate him, but without success. She haunted the places where he had been wont to frequent, and Murrell for the votes of the nineteen tired his friends and relatives with quesmembers, and the money was paid in a tions about his whereabouts, searched the house and the pockets of the clothes which he had left behind in his flight for informa-The members, he declared, were so linked | tion which she hoped would lead to the discovery of his hiding place. She did everytogether in the act that to prove the offensa against one it must be proved against all. thing she could think of except go to the The statute makes it essential to indict

police Finally she learned through an accident that two of her husband's companions, Wilbur Wilson and George Syers, had disappeared from home at about the same time that he left. She incidentally learned that Wilson and Syers were in St. Louis, working on the World's Fair site. She could not find out positively that her husband was verse ruling then, and invited full discussion also in St. Louis, but, believing that he was still with his companions, she decided to take the chance, and so started out for St.

Louis. Mrs. Worthington had little difficulty in ascertaining that "Mr. Kelly" was working at Sheehan's livery stable. Eleventh street and Clark avenue. That was sufficient almost Worthington-her husband a coachman, and "Kelly," the mysterious possessor of her husband's valise, working in a livery stable. That was enough.

When she reached the stable a differen problem confronted her. What if her husband should refuse to become reconciled, she thought. She had already accomplished too much to be deprived of a satisfactory result, and as she had already taken too many chances she would make sure of this last move. So she turned back and called at the office of Chief of Police Kiely and told him her troubles. He advised her to see her husband, assuring her that if the latter would refuse to receive her with oper arms after what she had gone through for him he was not worthy of her love. She took the Chief's advice and a few minutes later confronted "Mr. Kelly." The

latter's surprise at seeing his wife, whom

he imagined was a thousand miles away,

must be imagined, as no one else was pres-

ent to witness the scane.

# CATLIN TRACT LEASED BY FRENCH COMPANY

Rental of \$430,000 Will Be Paid by Xavier Pene and American Associates for Amusements.

## SHE TRACED HIM TO ST. LOUIS. WILL REMOVE WABASH TRACKS

Former Coachman for Russell Railway to Have Depot on East Side of De Baliviere Avenue -Lessee Writes to Francis.

Xavier Pene of Marseilles, France, and city, runaway husband from their home in Long | American associates, have closed a lease for the entire Catlin tract, from De Ballviere avenue to Skinker road, for \$430,000. The rental is at the rate of \$100 a front foot along Lindell boulevard, facing the north

boundary of the World's Fair. Thomas Wright, president of the Parkview Realty Company, owners of the ract confirmed the announcement last night and added that he had instructed Secretary Rule to prepare the contracts.

Mr. Wright also confirmed the removal of he Wabash terminals from the east end of the tract now leased to Pene to the west end of the Catlin property, lying east of De-Ballylere avenue, and the location of a large hotel site on the same ground, though nearer Union boulevard.

Pene intends to organize and operate an musement enterprise on a large scale along ne 4,309 feet of the frontage on Lindell oulevard. It is understood that he has paid an earnest of \$30,000 to the Parkview ompany to bind the contract. He has written a letter to President Fran-

of the Exposition Company in which he ffers to co-operate with the World's Fair on harmonious terms, a proviso being that entrance to the Exposition grounds shall be maintained at several points along Lindell boulevard, fronting the shows on the Catlin

In the event that the management of the Exposition refuses to enter into any such that full powers be given to the Minister or coercive expedition. Even if these Govarrangement, Pene states in his letter that of the United States of North America, ernments should manage to collect a little he will operate rival attractions, with a authorizing him to carry out proper meas- money they will only do it after the exgeneral entrance at De Baliviere and Forsyth junctions, to which an admission fee of 5 cents will be charged. The projected entrance would be just across De Baliviere avenue from the Wabash terminals,

Up to last night no answer had been re-eived from President Francis. Pene declares that he is fully prepared to carry out the independent scheme if the Fair man agement does not make terms with him. He has already approached numerous amuse ment purveyors in St. Louis to co-operate with him in the general plan. The promoter of this immense plan is an exposition con essionaire of considerable experience. conducted the Dahomey Village at the World's Columbian Exposition, and "Dark-est Africa" at the Buffalo Exposition and the California Midwinter Fair.

He is now, or was until lately, an applicant to produce on the midway of the World's Fair a mimic Panama Canal. It is understood that nothing definite has developed in connection with this application. Some of the intending concessionaires at the Fair are now considering offers made to them by Pene, although it is understood that no contracts have yet been closed.

# "GENERAL PEANUTS" IS DEAD.

circuses, was found dead in bed to-day. The midget was a Japanese, 33 years old and two feet one inch high.

Character of Big Circus. New York, Dec. 17 .- "General Peanuts, who for a number of years was one of the

Midget-Clown Was Well-Known | they were met by the leading Italian residents of this cit. ter to his car, shook hands with him and handed him papers and cigars for his jourbest-known midgets and clowns connected nev to La Gunyra. with Barnum's and Forepaugh & Sells's

HARBOR AND TOWN OF PUERTO CABELLO, VENEZUELA. the fortress was bombarded by vessels of the allied Powers. The town itself escaped bombardment. Its population is about 8,000 Leading Men of Caracas Tell President Castro That Time Has Come to Grapt Full Powers to United States to Effect a Settlement - Meeting to Discuss Ways and Means of Obtaining the Money With Which Nation Can Meet Her Obligations as Well as Guarantees Which It Will Be Possible to Offer Powers. NAVAL OFFICER FROM DEWEY'S FLEET SENT TO AID BOWEN. ENGLISH CRUISER CHARYBDIS, WHICH ASSISTED IN BOMBARDMENT.

Englishmen are bitterly disappointed at their country's position in the Venezuelan trouble, and feel that the Government of the United States forced England into a virtual declaration of war.

A torpedo-boat destroyer from Dewey's fleet has been sent to La Guayra, a naval officer being assigned to assist Minister Bowen at Caraeas. The vessel is to be used to carry dispatches if needed.

Premier Balfour of England announces that a blockade of Venezuelan ports probably will be declared, and adds that there is no such thing as a peaceful blockade. Leading business men of Caracas urge President Castro to yield to the de-

mands of the allies. They lay plans to meet Venezuela's obligations, The Italian Minister leaves Caracas. His Government is not surprised that the ultimatum should have been rejected.

The administration at Washington does not expect to be drawn into the Venezuelan matter except as a friend of all parties, but is fully prepared to protect American interests and defend the Monroe Doctrine,

## CITIZENS OF CARACAS TRY TO FIND MEANS

Caracas, Dec. 17.-Indications here are that Venezuela will yield to the demands of the allies.

The leading citizens of Caracas have addressed a joint note to President Castro asking him to give full powers to United States Minister Bowen to effect a termination of the present difficulty.

Castro at 1 o'clock this afternoon. It is signed by all the leading merchants bankers and agriculturists of Caracas. It reflects truly the concensus of current

The men who signed the note met again to-right to discuss ways and means of obtalning money with which Venezuela can meet her obligations, as well as the guarantees which it will be possible to offer to her creditors. The note is as follows:

### LETTER TO CASTRO. Caracas, Dec. 17.-To the President of the

United States of Venezuela; "Sir: The undersigned having met with the purpose of offering their aid to the of the administration. Government of Venezuela, in the present

conflicting situation, which has been created by the aggressive attitude of Germany and Great Britain, and upon your re- friend to all parties to the controversy. quest to give our opinions in writing, we address you in the following terms: "In view of the acts of violence already committed and of the absolute impotence

of Venezuela to meet force with force in response to the allied action of Germany and Great Britain, in view of the fact that Venezuela has exhausted all the means required by civilization and diplomacy to put an end to the present situation, and the Government and the people of Venezuela having complied honorably and worthily to the demands of national honor, we consider, with all due respect, that the moment to yield to force has arrived.

We, therefore, respectfully recommend that full powers be given to the Minister ures to terminate the present conflict in | penditure of a much larger sum, and their the manner least prejudical to the interests of Venezuela.

"We subscribe ourselved, your obedient

"J. E. LINARES. "H. L. BOULTON. "NICOMEDES ZULOAGA,

"CARLOS ZULOAGA, DE SALES. PEREZ E MONTAUBAN. M. CHAPPELIN. JUAN HERRERA.

"JUAN A. A. TRAVLESCO,

Y. DE J. PAUL." In addition to the names given, the note s signed by about 200 other prominent citizens of Caracas MINISTER DEPARTS.

The Italian Minister left Caracas this mornicg.

At 8 o'clock Minister Bowen went to the Italian Legation in a state carriage, accompanied by Secretary Russell, and took the Italian Minister, Signor De Riva, and the Italian Consul, Signor Gazzurelli, and con-

Mr. Bowen then accompanied the Minis-

The Venezuelan newspapers are still ignorant of the fact that the Italian Minister Government vesterday afternoon, and therefore there were no crowds at the sta-

tion and no hostile demonstration. The French steamer Ossun, which was captured December 10 by British marines | Doat, the Miranda, at Maracalbo by when they took possession of the Venezuelan gunboats at La Guayra, was handed over to her owner to-day and towed into La Guayra. The delivery of the Ossun was obtained by the French Charge d'Affaires,

M. Quivroux. The captain of the Ossun claims that certain articles on his ship and the property of himself and crew have been wantonly de-This note was transmitted to President | stroyed. He has lodged a complaint in the matter. The steamer is leaking badly.

### ADMINISTRATION THINKS opinion among the business element of this **ALLIES AND VENEZUELA** WILL LEARN A LESSON.

Washington, Dec. 17.-A high official of the Government, who has been at the ples. White House and the State Department frequently since the Venezuela matter

considerable length to-night the attitude He also gave reasons why the administration does not think it will be dragged into the situation further than as a mutual

official was asked. "No one living can say what the outcome will be, because no man has ever test the Monroe Doctrine at this time? been able exactly to shape the course of events when nations get into difficulties of

"What in your opinion will be the out

come of the application of coercion?" this

this kind. "I could easier tell you what the ultimate

"First, it will teach the European Govinto the debt-collecting business on such a large scale, by means of a great punitive or coercive expedition. Even if these Govexpeditions will go back home dissatisfied

important lessons.

and ashamed of themselves. "On the other hand Venezuela will be taught the lesson that it shall not use the Monroe Doctrine or the good nature of the United States as a shield behind which it an repudiate all its debts, good, bad and indifferent, and insuit and browbeat its creditors and escape a trouncing simply beause it is situated in the Western Hemis-

phere. "Will not these European Governments also be taught a lesson regarding the Monrae Doctrine?"

LESSON TO EUROPE. "That lesson has been taught already. There is no danger of an infraction of the

ALLIES PLAN TO BOMBARD FORT SAN CARLOS TO-DAY?

Paris, Dec. 18.-The Caracas correspondent of the Matin says: It is announced that the allies intend to

ombard Fort San Carlos, in the Gulf of Maracaibo, to-day. Sixteen hundred revolutionists under Gen.

eral Ramos have occupied Rio Chico (in the State of Miranda)

President Castro and El Mocho Hernandez met to-day and assured each other that

### E+++++++++++ VENEZUELA'S LAST

GUNBOAT IN SAFETY. La Guavra, Dec. 17.-Rumors have been in circulation here lately of the capture of the last Venezuelan gun-

. the German cruiser Falke, It is now reported, however, that • • the Miranda has taken refuge in the • . Lake of Maracaibo, and that all the . guns and ammunition which were on board have been disembarked.

Monroe Dectrine. If there should be the slightest danger of it the United States stands ready to prevent any Enropean Pow er from obtaining territory.

"But our view of it is that there is not a nation involved in this ridiculous business that is not by the most solemn pledges bound not to encroach on the Monroe Doctrine. Great Britain is certainly bound in this respect. She made the original proposition which led to the enunciation of the Monroe Doctrine. She is quite as vitally interested as we are in upholding its princi-

"Germany has been most explicit in her recognition of the principles of that docreached great proportions, explained at trine. Diplomatically we are bound to respect her motives and to believe she is acting in good faith. This is likewise true of Italy. It will be true of any other Power that gets into this debt-collecting game in Venezuelan waters. The Monroe Doctrine s a live wire. Any foreign gentleman who touches it will get a bad shock." "You mean that you think there is no

ground for the suspicion that Germany and the other European nations are preparing to 'Absolutely none. The Monroe Doctrine will be upheld, and, should the test come, I

am sure some European influence will be exerted to uphold it. Any nation that seeks result will be. The effect will be good in to make a test of it is sure in the end to two directions, because it will teach two suffer humiliation and disaster. "It was tried in Mexico within the memory of a great many men still living. What

ernments the etupidity and folly of going was the result? It cost one Emperor his throne and another Emperor his life. The attempt was made by three European Powers when we were otherwise very busily employed with the Civil War. But in the end the nation that remained in the territory got out under ruinous conditions, and Maximilian was shot.

"Have you noticed that there is great criticism in England of the action of the British Ministry in joining Germany in this debt-collecting expedition?

BRITISH DISCONTENT. "The cable reports such criticism. There has been some agitation in America too, that Great Britain should have gone into this business because it is going to give rise to considerable friction and in the end will prove fruitless. But that is the concern of the British ministry now in office. It has been a disappointment here because it may destroy in many minds the feeling that

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### CONGRESS IS ASKED TO PROVIDE A SITE FOR NATIONAL THEATER IN THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.

. REPUBLIC SPECIAL. Washington, Dec. 17.-A joint resolution which provides "that a site upon which ◆ to erect a national theater be provided in the District of Columbia" has been intro- duced in the House of Representatives by Mr. Miers of Indiana. Inquiry developed ducted them to the railroad station, where | • the fact that James P. Voorhees of this city is the moving spirit behind the reso-. lution, and that the establishment of a national theater has been agitated by Mr.

Voorhees since 1896 The plan, according to Mr. Voorhees, has received the indorsement of the leading actors and many of the journals of the country devoted to the histrionic art.

Mr. Voorhees is also very sanguine that, should Congress see fit to provide a site • for a national theater, Andrew Carnegie will follow up the provision with a money

• endowment sufficient to build the theater and assure its operation upon the lines • intended. aresented an ultimatum to the Venezuelan